

Freight House Burned.

The Grand Trunk freight house at Vernon and the contents were destroyed by fire Tuesday morning with a loss of \$1,000 on the building and \$800 on contents, all covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Cut Out the Rye.

The usual annual warning is being given farmers to cut rye out of wheat fields to avoid a low grading of their wheat when it is offered for sale. Observation shows many wheat fields about the county offer opportunity to follow the advice.

Fined For Selling Cider.

Elmer Evans of St. Johns, was fined \$50 Monday for selling two gallons of cider to C. Lang in 1912. His conviction for violating the local option law was set aside by the supreme court but he pled guilty to another charge and was fined.

Hearing on Stopping Trains.

The state railroad commission will hold a hearing June 16 at Lansing, on the question of inadequate service for the smaller towns east and west from Owosso on the Grand Trunk railroad, it being claimed that it is impossible to leave home and return by rail the same day.

CLOSE JULY 4.

Business Places Will Observe National Holiday.

At the Tuesday luncheon of the Improvement Association the retailers present decided to close their places of business all day on Saturday, July 4. The stores will be open Friday evening previous.

Shiawassee County Battalion of Civil War Veterans Attention!

All comrades attending the Thirty-sixth Encampment at Jackson on June 18 are requested to fall in the parade as and with the Shiawassee County Battalion.

PHILLIP KLINE,
Col. Commanding.

J. W. SMITH, Adj.

Paving Specifications Ready.

The specifications for re-paving Washington and Main streets are completed and the work will be begun about July 1 under the direction of Commissioner of Public Improvements Hanscom, the cost being estimated at \$18,414.74, 60 per cent of which will be assessed against the property abutting the pavement.

Evangelical Y. P. A. Officers.

The Y. P. A. of the Evangelical church met at the home of Miss Laura Ortwein, N. Water street, Monday evening and elected the following officers: President, Miss Cornelia Mattoon; vice president, Miss Laura Ortwein; secretary, Miss Edna Wilkie; treasurer, Lewis Hayes; organist, Miss Emma Schultz; chorister, Miss Minnie Zuhke.

I. O. O. F. No. 88 Officers.

Owosso Lodge No. 88, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers Friday evening:
Noble Grand—Oscar Terrill.
Vice Grand—Wm. H. Turner.
Secretary—John G. Doane.
Treasurer—H. B. Collins.
Representatives to Grand Lodge—Stanley Babbitt, Guy Stanton.
Alternates—G. Doane, W. Brooks.
District Deputy Grand Master—Ward B. Carl.
Captain—J. Doane.

Queen Esther Circle.

The Queen Esther Circle of the Cornuna Avenue M. E. church was entertained by Misses Clara and Mabel Ashton at their home on Glenwood avenue Friday evening. The routine business was transacted, after which the annual election of officers was held which resulted as follows:
President—Miss Helen Cadney.
Vice President—Miss Dorothy Harrison.
Secretary—Miss Annie Lawrence.
Treasurer—Miss Gladys VanHouten.
A program of vocal and instrumental solos and readings was enjoyed, after which a social hour was spent and refreshments served.

L. M. Woodin has sold his entire cherry crop for this year to Loomis & Osmer. His trees hang full and the prospect is for a large yield of excellent fruit. Mr. Woodin has cut his alfalfa during the week and is more than pleased with the crop. It being the second year's growth. Two more crops will undoubtedly be cut during the season.

Judge Miner has held court in Howell during the week.

Off For a Fine Cruise.

Midshipmen Henry Sprague and Arthur Burhans of this city, respectively first and second classmen at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., embarked Sunday with the 650 midshipmen of the Academy for a cruise of about two months abroad. The three battleships on which the trip is to be made, the Missouri, Idaho and Illinois, are due at Naples, Italy, June 25, stopping en route at Gibraltar for two days. Stops will be made at different ports and opportunity given the midshipmen to make short inland trips. The boats are due to arrive at Hampton Roads on August 11, where they will engage in target practice until about the end of the month after which the boys will be given a furlough of several weeks in which to come home. Mr. Sprague writes that a few days before sailing the midshipmen were all vaccinated and that many of them went aboard the boats feeling far from well. Owosso friends will join us in the wish that "our boys" may soon recover from their affliction and that their trip may be a most enjoyable one.

Mother Asks Investigation.

Mrs. Jennie VanSickle of Owosso, has filed a petition in the probate court asking for an investigation into the conduct of her oldest daughter, Miss Hazel, fourteen years old. The mother alleged that the child now living with Mrs. VanSickle's divorced husband, William VanSickle, now married again, and living in Detroit, is being allowed to follow a wayward course in life.

The VanSickles were divorced in 1906 and the mother was given the custody of the children until they became fourteen years old. A short time ago Hazel attained this age and her father came to Owosso. Mrs. VanSickle alleges, and induced the girl to go to Detroit to live with him. Since going there the mother claims, the girl has acquired wayward and immoral habits.

Judge Bush has instructed Rev. Carlos H. Hanks, probatory officer, to investigate the case.

Annual Meeting of Rural Carriers.

Members of the Shiawassee Rural Letter Carriers' association and their ladies, to the number of about 29, gathered Saturday night at the First M. E. church in this city, for the annual meeting of the association. A banquet and social time were enjoyed, and the following officers were elected: President, William Alexander, Owosso; vice president, James Fee, New Lothrop; secretary-treasurer, L. P. Royce, Owosso; members executive committee, Messrs. William Collins of Henderson, and Mr. Hess of New Lothrop.

Gabriel—Austin.

Miss Katherine, daughter of Mrs. C. Gabriel, and John C. Austin, were united in marriage Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the bride's home on South Water street, Rev. Theodore G. Hahn of Salem's Lutheran church, performing the ceremony in the presence of near relatives. Afterward a wedding luncheon was served and Mr. and Mrs. Austin left by automobile for Flint.

Assistant Postmaster John Williams, Saginaw, West Side, was a caller at the post office Tuesday.

President Snyder of the Michigan Agricultural College has presented his resignation effective at the close of the next college year.

The postal savings deposits at the Owosso postoffice continue to show a small increase nearly every month, that for May amounting to \$276.00.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lord of Byron, have been guests during the week at the home of R. A. Lord and H. E. Needham.

Mrs. R. R. Hart and Mrs. C. O. Loring went to Detroit Thursday to visit Mrs. W. E. Collins, Mr. Hart and Mr. Loring will spend the week-end there.

A daughter was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Moldenhauer of Bath, Mrs. Moldenhauer was formerly Miss Margaret Lewis, of this city.

Eli Rigelont a Venice township farmer, and Miss Lonise Hoffman, whose home is near Vernon, were married Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kitley of Longmont, Colorado, are expected to arrive in the city tomorrow for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kilpatrick.

Mrs. Effie Manning Perry of Bay City, was a guest of Miss Maude Morris, Tuesday. Mrs. Perry has been teaching music in the schools at Athens for several months.

Roy E. Pierce of Caledonia, and Miss Alice Comstock of Cornuna, were united in marriage Wednesday evening at the Asbury M. E. parsonage, Rev. J. P. Cooper officiating. For the present they will reside in Cornuna.

Laingsburg Pioneer Dies.

David Houghton, 72 years old, a pioneer of Sciota township, succumbed to a long illness at his home in Laingsburg Sunday afternoon. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Laingsburg Congregational church, of which the deceased was a member, and interment made in the Laingsburg cemetery.

Mr. Houghton was born in Milford, Mich., and came to Sciota at an early age. Until about two years ago he lived on a farm south of the village, then moving to Laingsburg. He was considered well to do and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He affiliated with the Odd Fellows.

Surviving are the widow, four sons, James of Laingsburg, Samuel of Bay City, Rev. Roy Houghton of Brattleboro, Vt., and Dr. George Houghton of Caledonia, Kent county, and one daughter, Mrs. Walter Berry of Laingsburg.

Whitman in Trouble Again.

Hiram Whitman of Perry township was again in the county jail Monday as a result of a renewal of the property line trouble which started last fall when he and his brother were both damaged as a result of a fight over their property. Hiram was placed on probation and since then the brother has sold his land to A. B. Finch who began the erection of a fence, which Hiram tore down. The Perry authorities wished Whitman sentenced on the charge on which he is on probation but Judge Miner refused until it was shown that the man was guilty of trespass.

After a conference with Mr. Finch and Prosecuting Attorney Collins, Tuesday, an agreement was reached whereby Whitman agrees as to the boundary line and is allowed to harvest a crop of corn which he has planted on Finch's land. Whitman has been released from jail.

Corunna Commencement.

Thirteen pupils, two boys and eleven girls will be graduated from the Corunna high school this year, receiving their diplomas at the annual commencement exercises, Thursday evening, June 25, at the casino at McCurdy park.

Those who will graduate are Dorothy Pettibone, Colon Lemon, Minnie Hoffman, Christina Withington, Grace Leavitt, Gretchen Richards, George Ranowski, Beatrice Randall, Florence Martin, Leah Lyman, Mary Judd, Isabelle Driscoll and Ruth VanDevuse. George Ranowski is president of the class.

The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock and will be highly interesting. Prof. L. W. Sprague of the University of Chicago, has been secured to deliver the address of the evening. The salutatory address will be delivered by Miss Florence Martin, and the class poem will be read by Miss Dorothy Pettibone. Colon Lemon will introduce Prof. Sprague.

An Owosso orchestra will furnish music and the casino will be prettily decorated.

On Friday evening the Junior class will give a reception to the graduates at the casino. It is not known yet whether there will be dancing after the reception or not.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday evening, June 21, by Rev. Mr. Doty at the First M. E. church. A class picnic will be held during the week, probably on Thursday afternoon. The meeting of the Cornuna Young People's society will be held on Wednesday evening, June 24.

Annual Convention.

The sixteenth annual convention of the Shiawassee county branch of the International Order of Kings Daughters and Sons was held on Wednesday at the Congregational church in this city. Sixty delegates were present. Mrs. C. S. Watson of Owosso, was elected county president and Mrs. Frank Clark of Vernon, secretary and treasurer.

Fifty-six members of the United Commercial Travelers of Owosso, went to Saginaw, Friday, to attend the annual convention of their order. They are hoping to take first prize as the uniforms they are to wear in the parade are exceptionally neat and attractive.

Clarke Carmody, W. Williams street, entertained at a 7 o'clock dinner Wednesday evening, the guests being members of the Friar club. Charles Marshall of Detroit, who is the guest of Arthur Christian, was the out of town guest.

Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Scott have rented their home on West Oliver street for a couple of months to Mr. Romeyn, sales manager of the American Malleable company. Mr. Romeyn's mother and sisters, of New York City, will arrive next week and will remain here for some time. Mrs. Scott and sons will leave June 20 for London, Ont., to visit before going to Bayfield, on Lake Huron, where they will spend the summer with Mrs. Scott's sister and family. Dr. Scott will join them later.

OWOSSO-NEW

LOTHROP RAILROAD

To be Considered at a Meeting in New Lothrop Next Monday—Officials of Ann Arbor Railroad To be Present.

The committee of the Owosso Improvement Association appointed some time ago to make an endeavor to interest the officials of the Ann Arbor Railroad in extending the present line running from this city to the coal mines at Six Mile Creek have secured a promise from General Manager Towley that he will go over the proposed route on Monday next and will meet the citizens of New Lothrop and Hazelton township to discuss the possibilities of constructing the line. Mr. Towley will doubtless be accompanied by some of the other officials of the road, including the engineer who will later make a preliminary survey, and by a large delegation of Owosso citizens. New Lothrop citizens are wide awake to this movement and will leave no stone unturned to secure railroad connection with this city. Representatives of the coal properties located near New Lothrop will be present from Saginaw and Bay City to give the project a boost as the construction of the line will mean the developing of their property. The meeting will undoubtedly be largely attended.

Death of Mrs. Roy Aberle.

Owosso people were shocked, Saturday at the news of the death of Mrs. Roy Aberle at her home on E. Main street, following the birth of an infant which also died. Mrs. Rose Rosman Aberle was born in Stockbridge 28 years ago, coming to Owosso eight years ago from Jackson and was married to Mr. Aberle a year later. She was a woman of high character with a wide circle of friends who sympathize deeply with the bereaved husband and relatives. She was a member of the Christian Science church. Surviving Mrs. Aberle are her husband and five year old daughter Ernestine, her mother and four sisters.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, Rev. C. H. Hanks officiating. Mrs. Fred Aberle mother of Roy Aberle and his brother Frederick, of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived in Owosso Tuesday, Mr. Aberle being unable to come at this time.

Shiawassee Baptist Association.

The seventy-ninth anniversary of the forming of the Shiawassee Baptist Association, including the counties of Shiawassee, Ingham and Clinton, has been celebrated this week at a convention at Corunna opened Wednesday morning with one hundred present. Rev. J. G. York of Owosso, led the consecration service, and Rev. E. J. Cross of Corunna, delivered an address of welcome. The churches of the district reported progress, all being pleased with the work of the past year.

In the afternoon H. H. Bowser of Haslett, led the devotional exercises followed by an address by A. D. Wenden of Lansing, on the subject "The Church as a Social Center." Rev. J. G. York gave an address "The Church and Its Young People" and C. E. Mieras of Lansing, discussed "Efficiency in the Bible School."

Officers were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. Henry Morgan, of Byron; clerk and treasurer A. D. Wenden, of Lansing; Sunday school superintendent Rev. E. J. Cross, Corunna.

Sportsmen Active.

The Shiawassee Sportsmen Association held a meeting Tuesday at Chris Rentzsch's studio and heard reports and discussed giving a fish dinner for the 100 members of the association.

The game protection committee has leased 400 acres of land in Bennington township from Clayton Thomas, Lillie Ogden, Judson R. Smith and Burns, Eugene and Lester Brewer for five years, the land to constitute a game preserve. It is well covered with woods much being wild land. Another tract in Antrim township will probably be secured.

The county organization will join the state association in the near future.

Charged With Forgery.

Earl Valentine came to Owosso Monday from the farm of Eugene Cowell, a farmer living near the Goss school house, and attempted to pass checks for \$25 which it is claimed were forged. He was arrested Tuesday morning and claimed that he was drunk on hard cider and did not remember filling out the checks. He was arraigned before Justice Friegel and bound over to the circuit court on a charge of forgery, bail being fixed at \$300. An employee named Truax used some of Cowell's checks in the same way two years ago.

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Bert S. Griffin, Republican Candidate For Sheriff at the August Primaries.

If nominated and elected to the office of Sheriff I will fully recognize my duty as the executive branch of the government of the State of Michigan as applied to Shiawassee County, and I will take the initiative in the enforcement of all laws.

BERT S. GRIFFIN.



Bert S. Griffin was born in the township of Tyrone, in Livingston county in April 1874, and his early life was spent on a farm in which work he has been interested for a number of years. He has been a resident of Shiawassee county for seventeen years, most of which time was spent at Durand. At that village he served with credit on the board of aldermen and was elected treasurer of the village for two terms. Nearly eight years ago he was appointed deputy sheriff at Durand and his work during the four years under Ex-Sheriff Watson was so exceedingly good that when the present Sheriff E. J. Herrick was sworn in as chief officer of the county he named Mr. Griffin as his under-sheriff. He came to Corunna in January 1911 and has proven himself an active and aggressive officer in every particular. As first assistant to Sheriff Herrick he has had abundant opportunity to know the work of the office, and the needs of the county as regards law enforcement. He has the courage to undertake any work that might come to him. As under-sheriff he has never been found wanting and it is reasonable to believe that if elected he will do the work with credit to himself and in a manner that will be satisfactory to the people of the county. Adv.

Odd Fellow Memorial.

Nearly five hundred members of the various Odd Fellow organizations attended memorial services at the Baptist church Sunday morning. Rev. J. G. York preached a special sermon, taking as his subject "The World's Watchtower." About 25 members of Quackenbush post, G. A. R., were also in attendance. After the services members of the organizations marched to Oak Hill cemetery where appropriate services were held, after which the graves of the deceased members of the lodges were decorated with flowers.

The parade was formed in front of the hall of Owosso lodge, No. 88 and moved to the church. The organizations in line were Canton No. 6; Star of Hope Rebekahs No. 76; Colfax Rebekahs, No. 273; Colfax lodge No. 436 and Owosso lodge No. 88, I. O. O. F. After the services, the parade, led by a five piece fife and drum corps, moved to the cemetery. Owosso lodge No. 88 has 12 former members and Colfax lodge 36 members, buried there. Thos. Wiley was marshal of the day and was assisted by Harry McCall, of Colfax lodge; John Abel, of Owosso lodge, and Wilson Brooks of Canton No. 9.

STATE CONVENTION

Lutheran Young People's Societies Hold Successful Meetings.

The state convention of the Walther league, consisting of the Lutheran Young People's societies, which began its sessions last Saturday afternoon at the I. O. O. F. temple, came to a close Sunday evening and Monday about 300 delegates and visitors enjoyed an outing at McCurdy park.

The state officers as well as Prof. F. A. Klein, general field secretary, of Fort Wayne, Ind., were present. Prof. Klein delivered several addresses during the convention, giving encouragement to the members of the league and urging all to prove themselves true Christians and Lutherans.

Sunday, special sermons were preached at Salem's Lutheran church by the pastor, Rev. Theodore Hahn and Prof. O. Hemel. The members of the league marched in a body from the temple to the church. Special music was rendered by the choir, under the direction of Prof. William J. Rudow, and Prof. Klein added a pleasing vocal solo to the musical program.

Much enthusiasm was shown during the sessions of the convention. The 1915 convention will be held in Saginaw an invitation having been received from the mayor of that city and from the mayor of that city and from the board of commerce. There were thirty-seven cities represented here, with a total attendance of about 400.

The Walther league was organized twenty-two years ago by three small societies, and now has a membership of over 10,000, having members in every large city in the United States. The organization is growing rapidly, Michigan having added twelve new societies to the league in membership of 856. The total membership in the state is 3,000.

Much of the success of the league in Michigan is due to the efforts of Wm. Dettman of Jackson, state president, while Prof. Klein is doing equally as good work all over the country. Chas. H. Wietzke, president of the Owosso society, is deserving of much credit for the good work done here.

Commencement Program

Vernon, June 9.—The following program will be rendered at the commencement exercises of the Vernon high school, Thursday evening, June 18, at the M. E. church:

Music, 7:30 to 8:30—Satterlee's Orchestra, Owosso.
Invocation—Rev. E. A. Cross.
"Fairy Voices." "The Cuckoo"—High school choir.
"The Modern Woman"—Lois E. Brooks.
Valedictory—Fred W. Pierce.
Music—Orchestra.
Address—Hon. Guy W. Selby.
Music—Orchestra.
Presentation of Diplomas—G. Hackney, principal.
Benediction—Rev. T. E. Bennett.
A small admission fee sufficient to cover expenses, will be asked. Adults, 15c; children 10c.
The baccalaureate sermon will be preached next Sunday evening in the Congregational church by Rev. Thos. E. Bennett.

Parcel post packages can be sent to Siberia after July 1st at the rate of 12 cents a pound or fraction, limited to 11 pounds; the packages may also be registered.